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being a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. _____ filed June 20, 2003
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. _____ filed June 20, 2003, which is a U.S. National Phase of PCT/NZ01/00294, which claimed priority of New Zealand Application Nos. 509154 filed December 22, 2000, and 513462, filed August 9, 2001.

1. Application - 29 pages, including 1 independent claim and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings - 5 sheets of drawings containing 8 figures. (Figs. 1-5)
3. Preliminary Amendment
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Application Serial No. _____
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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